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1. On 30 January 1952, 16 Soviet soldiers were seen leaving the former quarters of the high-power radio station at Blumau (O 48/X 36) for a nearby training field containing dummy houses and wire entanglements. The soldiers subsequently engaged in aiming practice on the training field. 25X1

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2. Three houses with a common yard, about 150 meters west of the Blumau-Hellrisshof railroad station, was occupied by Soviet troops. A radar of the same type as observed south of Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield was standing in an open shed in the yard. Two van-like trucks and weapons carrier were parked in the yard. a senior lieutenant wearing black service color and a driver with black-bordered black epaulets left the yard. 25X1

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3. An infantry training field with dummy houses, communication trenches, wire entanglements and a small rifle range was observed on the site of the former artillery range south of Blumau. Trucks each carrying about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with light machine guns, rifles and submachine guns, were seen coming from this training field and driving toward Guenselsdorf (O 48/X 36). The unit, which also had practice targets and cardboard figures, was under the command of a captain. the training field was occasionally used by a unit which was stationed in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). 25X1

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4. A compound of 10 low wooden buildings, guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, was located about 1 km southeast of the Felixdorf (O 48/X 35) railroad station on the east side of the road to Sollenau (O 48/X 35). No movements were noticed at this installation. \*

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- \* Comment. The vehicles observed at the training field south of Blumau belong to the 45th Ods Mecz Regt of the 13th Ods Mecz Div in Traiskirchen. The assignment of the other vehicles seen in the Blumau area cannot be determined.

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